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### **MAY 19TH STATEWIDE SPECIAL AND CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS KICK-OFF** ***Requests For Vote By Mail Ballots And Official Sample Ballot Mailings Begin***

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan announced today that the mailing of Official Sample Ballot booklets to voters for the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special and Consolidated Elections began last week. More than 2.5 million sample ballot booklets were mailed. In total, more than four million sample ballot booklets will be mailed over the next few weeks. "Every registered voter in the County will receive an Official Sample Ballot booklet prior to Election Day," said Logan. "Sample Ballots contain important information to help ensure that voters are able to successfully cast their ballot, either by mail, or at their neighborhood polling place," added Logan. In their Official Sample Ballot booklet voters will find information on the candidates and measures appearing on the ballot, as well as, specific voting procedures and instructions. The back cover of each booklet also includes an application to request a Vote by Mail ballot and the voter's polling place location and address.

Starting Monday April 20, 2009 the RR/CC will also begin processing Vote by Mail requests from voters who wish to cast a ballot by mail for the May 19<sup>th</sup> election. Voters will have until Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> to request a Vote by Mail ballot. The State of California offers every registered voter an opportunity to cast a vote by mail. "With the busy schedules Los Angeles County voters juggle, a Vote by Mail ballot offers everyone an opportunity to participate in our democratic process. As in every election our department will process every Vote by Mail request starting April 20, 2009," concluded Logan.

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## **REQUESTING A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT**

Voters may request Vote by Mail ballots in one of the following ways:

- Complete the Vote by Mail application on the back cover of the Official Sample Ballot booklet; or
- Send a letter addressed to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Vote by Mail Section, P.O. Box 30450, Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450; or
- Submit an electronic request by visiting the RR/CC website at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) and click on *Apply for Vote by Mail Ballot* in the Online Services box on the main page of the website; or
- Apply in person at the RR/CC Headquarters, 12400 Imperial Hwy., 3rd Floor, Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Voters who request a Vote by Mail ballot can check on the status of their request using the RR/CC's online look-up. Visit [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) and click on the *Mail Ballot Status* button on the main page. You may also call the RR/CC at (562) 466-1323.

## **RETURNING YOUR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT**

In order to be counted, ballots cast by mail must be returned with sufficient time for mail delivery to the RR/CC by 8 p.m. on May 19th (postmarked ballots will not be counted). Vote by Mail ballots may also be returned in person to the RR/CC Office, or delivered to any polling place in Los Angeles County before the polls close at 8:00 pm on Election Day. A voter may authorize a designated family member to return the voted ballot to a polling place or to the RR/CC in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Vote by Mail ballot return envelope.